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1. ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF RAISED POINTS WITH NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHERIES VICTOR MORO IN COURTESY CALL BY ECON COUNSELOR.

2. CONCERNING HERRING MORO, WHO CAME TO PRESENT POSITION FROM 13 YEARS AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PESCANOVA, PROMINENT SPANISH FIRM, TOLD EMBOFFS THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT HERRING FISHERIES BY SPANISH. HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHAT SUPPORT SPAIN COULD LEND FOR HERRING QUOTAS OR ENFORCEMENT MEASURES TO U.S. AT REFERENCE MEETING SINCE NEW TO JOB AND MOST CONCERNED OFFICIAL IN HIS BUREAU, BERMEJO, IN ROME FOR THAT VERY GATHERING.

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3. REACTING TO STATEMENT OF POSSIBLE 200 MILE CLAIM BY

U.S., MORO EXPRESSED ENTIRELY PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE JUST FOR A NATION TO CLAIM COMPLETE POSSESSION OF 200 MILES OFF SEACOAST. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE RECOGNIZED RIGHT OF A STATE TO PROTECT ITS ECONOMIC RESOURCES, AS LONG AS CLAIMS OF OTHER STATES TAKEN PROPERLY INTO CONSIDERATION. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT THE NEWLY-APPOINTED MORO WARNED EMOFFS THAT HE WAS SPEAKING FRANKLY AND WITHOUT ANY COORDINATION WITH HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE ECON COUNSELOR, MORO NOTED THAT IN SECRETARY'S CIRCULAR NOTE OF DECEMBER 5, 1974, CONCERNING THE CREATURES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, THAT THE USG HAD EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT. HE EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR ITS PART TO HOLD SUCH DISCUSSIONS. (COMMENT: THIS FITS IN WITH HIS PREDECESSOR'S STRONGLY-EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MAKE BILATERAL FISHING ARRANGEMENT WITH USG IF LATTER DECLARES 200 MILE ZONE.) EMOFFS TOLD MORO HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE THEME WOULD BE REPORTED TO USG.

5. MORO ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE EMOFFS TO BRING UP CASE OF TEUCRO, SPANISH VESSEL SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF BARTLETT ACT ON GROUNDS THAT IT HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY CAPUURING LOBSTER. MORO ALLEGED VESSEL HAD BEEN FISHING FOR SQUID, THAT ONLY FIVE POUNDS OF LOBSTER HAD BEEN FOUND BY INSPECTING VESSEL, AND THAT IN OBSCURE PART OF THE VESSEL WHERE IT HAD GOTTEN STUCK IN PROCESS OF BEING THROWN OUT. THIS, OF COURSE, VARIES FROM ACCOUNT SET OUT IN REFTELS BUT IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO ANTICIPATED FURTHER INQUIRIES THIS MATTER, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE, AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT'S OPINION ON WHETHER TEUCRO COULD POSSIBLY, AS ALLEGED, HAVE BEEN FISHING FOR SQUID IN AREA WHERE SEIZED. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM REFTELS THAT GEAR CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM AIR COULD HAVE BEEN USED ONLY FOR LOBSTER FISHING. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER THAT AREA ONE WHERE SQUID LIKELY TO BE FOUND.

6. DUE IMMINENT DEPARTURE ONE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY AND ASSIGNMENT SOME OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO ANOTHER, EMBASSY UNABLE UP TO NOW TO TAKE UP MATTER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HOWEVER, WILL DO SO AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY.
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